

ISU Thinclads Try for Title

AMES, Iowa -- Not since the 1940's has Iowa State made a serious challenge for the Big Eight outdoor track championship, but Cyclone coach Bill Bergan believes his team may have a chance at this year's title.

The Cyclones host the combined men's and women's outdoor championship Friday and Saturday at Iowa State Track. Bergan sees defending champion Kansas as the team to beat, but says lots of others have a chance.

"I believe we have a chance to win," Bergan said. "Kansas is very strong and if they get their people healthy, it will be hard for anyone to unseat them.

"We look for a close meet. I have gone through the conference rankings event by event quite a few times. We could win, but everything has to fall right and we have to score our maximum number of points.

"Just one bad performance could hurt our chances. One thing is certain, though. Our entire league is improved over last year. The performances all through the meet are much better than they were a year ago," Bergan said.

The Cyclones have one defending champion -- John Scheetz in the shot put. Scheetz has won the outdoor crown the past two seasons and had a personal best in the shot put of 64-2½ in winning the Drake Relays title.

Other Cyclone threats are James Moi in the triple jump with a personal best of 54-4; Bob Verbeeck in the 1,500 meters with a top time of 3:44.04; Richard Kaitany in the 5,000 meters at 13:55.42; Johnson Sirma in the steeplechase with 8:44.10 and Scott Crowell in the discus at 198-6.

Crowell, a junior from Mason City, has been a model of consistency. He has cleared 190 five consecutive weeks and has the conference's leading throw.

The Cyclones appear healthy with the exception of freshman quartermiler Todd Holm. The former state champion from Tripoli has been nursing an Achilles tendon problem for about a month. Holm has been working out, however, and Bergan hopes to use him on the 4 by 400-meter relay.

There are 10 defending champions on hand including Jeff Buckingham of Kansas in the pole vault; Joel Light of Kansas in the high jump; Joe Bramlage of Kansas State in the javelin; Paul Schultz of Kansas in the steeplechase; Vince Parette of Kansas State in the triple jump; Deon Hogan of Kansas in the 400 meters; James Butler of Oklahoma State in the sprints; Dean Foggarty of Missouri in the intermediate hurdles; Mark Scrutton of Colorado in the 5,000 meters and Scheetz.

Butler, the outstanding athlete in last year's meet, will miss the conference championship. He pulled a hamstring while winning the Texas Relays 100 meters last month and has not recovered.

1981 Iowa State Outdoor Track Best Performances

5-11-81

100-meter Dash

Randy Willer	:10.5	4-11
Brian Davis	:10.7	3-20
Kevin Kuchel	:11.1	3-20

200-meter Dash

Kevin Kuchel	:21.7	3-20
Randy Willer	:21.7	3-20
Todd Holm	:21.7	4-11

400-meter Dash

Justin Nemeč	:47.2	4-18
Kevin Kuchel	:47.49	5-2
Jay Bradley	:47.7	4-18
Todd Holm	:48.5	3-20

800-meter Run

Bob Verbeeck	1:52.4	4-11
Jim Zinnel	1:53.07	3-28
Zak Korir	1:53.02	5-9

1,500-meter Run

* Bob Verbeeck	3:44.04	3-28
Richard Kaitany	3:47.5	4-11
Yobes Ondieki	3:48.9	4-18
Johnson Sirma	3:50.5	4-11
Jim Zinnel	3:55.0	4-11

5,000-meter Run

*Richard Kaitany	13:55.42	4-3
Henrik Jorgensen	14:10.38	4-24
Bob Verbeeck	14:15.0	4-18
Yobes Ondieki	14:16.13	5-2

10,000-meter Run

Henrik Jorgensen	30:45.8	4-11
Jeff Wubben	30:52.0	4-11

3,000-meter Steeplechase

* Johnson Sirma	8:44.10	4-25
Steve Arch	9:16.29	4-18
Kurt Spears	9:39.6	4-18

110-meter High Hurdles

Dan VanderWeyden	:14.2	4-11
Rob Johnson	:14.5	4-11
Ross Thiedeman	:14.7	4-11

400-meter Intermediate Hurdles

Kevin Kuchel	:52.29	3-28
Rob Johnson	:52.77	5-2
Dan VanderWeyden	:54.0	3-20

Shot Put

* John Scheetz	64-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4-25
Steve Settle	53-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	4-11

Discus

* Scott Crowell	198-6	4-11
John Scheetz	177-3	4-11

Javelin

Dave Mills	224-2	4-18
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Long Jump

James Moi	24-10 $\frac{1}{2}$	5-2
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Triple Jump

* James Moi	54-4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4-25
Bruce Burroughs	45-11 $\frac{1}{2}$	4-11

High Jump

Dale Acton	6-10	5-2
Dave Rauker	6-9	3-28

Pole Vault

Tom Rogers	15-0	3-28
Bill Rogers	13-6	3-20

4 x 100-meter Relay

Brian Davis, Rob Johnson, Randy Willer, Kevin Kuchel	:41.07	5-2
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4 x 400-meter Relay

Justin Nemeč, Zak Korir, Jay Bradley, Kevin Kuchel	3:09.20	4-24
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*--NCAA Qualifiers

Iowa State Results, Schedule

- 3-20 Cyclone Open (15 firsts, 1 NCAA)
- 3-28 LSU Invitational (1 first, 3 NCAA)
- 4-3/4 Texas Relays (3 firsts, 2 NCAA)
- 4-11 Iowa State Invitational (9 firsts)
- 4-18 Iowa State 77, Nebraska 73
- 4 24/25 Drake Relays (3 firsts)
- 5-2 Iowa Big Four (ISU 90; Drake 40 $\frac{1}{2}$; UNI 34 $\frac{1}{2}$; Iowa 31)
- 5-9 Minnesota Invitational at Minneapolis
- 5-15/16 Big 8 Meet at Iowa State track
- 5-22/23 TFA/USA meet at Wichita, Kans.
- 6-6/5/6 NCAA Championships at Baton Rouge, La.